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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/764,800	Applicant(s) FONTOURA ET AL.	
	Examiner Mohammad Ali	Art Unit 2166	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to the application filed on 1/26/04.

The application has been examined and claims 1-30 are pending in this office action.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 21-30 the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Computer program is used in a computerized process where the computer executes the instructions set forth in the computer program. Claimed invention taken as a whole is directed to a mere program listing, i.e., to only its description or expression, is it descriptive material per se and hence nonstatutory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

5. Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Charles G. Call ('Call' hereinafter), USPgPub 2002/0165707.

With respect to claim 1,

Call teaches a method for indexing data (para. 0069), comprising:

receiving a token (see para. 0042, Call);

determining whether a data field associated with the token is a fixed width (see para. 0103, Call);

when the data field is a fixed width (see para. 0103, Call), designating the token as one for which fixed width sort is to be performed (see para. 0069, Call); and

when the data field is a variable length (see para. 0010, Call), designating the token as one for which a variable width sort is to be performed (see para. 0103, Call).

As to claim 2,

Call teaches wherein the token is variable width and further comprising:

transforming the variable width token into a fixed width token (see paras. 0076, 0130, Call).

As to claim 3,

Call teaches performing a fixed width sort on one of dual code paths and a variable width sort on the other of dual code paths (see paras. 0038, 0039, Call).

As to claim 4,

Call teaches generating a sort key that includes a token type, a token, a document identifier, a document section, and an offset in a document (see para. 0103 et seq., Call).

As to claim 5,

Call teaches receiving different sections of a document at different times (see para. 0013, Call).

As to claim 6,

Call teaches wherein the different sections include a context section and an anchor text section (see para. 0025, Call).

As to claim 7,

Call teaches generating sort keys for each token of multiple tokens (see para. 0069, Call); and

using the sort keys to create posting lists that simultaneously are ordered by token and by document identifier for each token (see para. 0060, Call).

As to claim 8,

Call teaches using the sort keys to bring together multiple sections of a document (see para. 0013, Call).

As to claim 9,

Call teaches sorting on certain bits of a sort key containing multiple bits (see para. 0104, Call).

As to claim 10,

Call teaches sorting on uppermost bits of the sort key (see para. 0103, Call).


Claims 11-30 have the same subject matter as of claims 1-10 and essentially rejected for the same reasons as discussed above.

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad Ali whose telephone number is (571) 272-4105. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (7:30 am-6:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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